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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE DATE FOR TRANSKEI HOMELAND

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIFIC MEDIO OR PUBLIC REACTION IN BOTSWNA TO CHIEF MATANZIMA'S OCTOBER 3 ANNOUNCEMTN THAT TRANSKEI WILL BE GRANTED INDEPENDENCE BY SOUTH AFRICA ON OCTOBER 26, 1976.

2. AS A MATTER OF POLICY THE GOB REJECTS ANY PROPOSAL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN JFRICA BASED ON RACIAL AND TRIBAL DIFFERENCES. IT HAS IN THE PAST REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED TOTAL OPPOSITION TO THE "BALKANIZATION" OF SOUTH AFRICA. SPECIFICALLY THE GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE "HOMELANDS" SYSTEM AS UNJUST AND IMPRACTICAL SINCE ITS SETS ASIDE 87 PER CENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAND AREA FOR THE WHILE MINORITY AND THE REMAINDER, INCLUDING
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SOME OF THE POOREST AREAS, FOR THE BLACK MAJORITY.

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3. IN OUR VIEW, BOTSWANA WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE TRANSKEI AND WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ITS ADMISSION TO THE OAU AND THE UN.
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